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In re Application of:

Jeffrey Jay Jacobsen, et al.

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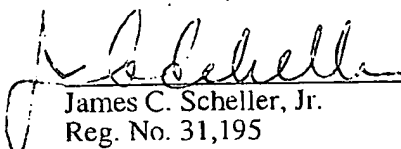
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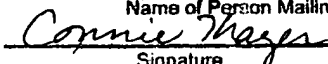
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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR § 1.78(a)(3), filed March 15, 2004, to accept an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. § 120 for the benefit of the prior-filed nonprovisional Application No. 09/270,146, filed March 16, 1999.

The petition is **DISMISSED AS MOOT**.

A petition under 37 CFR § 1.78(a)(3) is only applicable to those applications filed on or after November 29, 2000.

Along with the instant petition under 37 CFR § 1.78(a)(3), petitioner has submitted an amendment to the first sentence of the specification following the title to include a reference to the prior-filed nonprovisional Application No. 09/720,146, filed March 16, 1999.

The instant pending nonprovisional application was filed on August 17, 2001, and was pending at the time of filing of the instant petition. While a reference to the prior-filed application was not included in an ADS or in the first sentence of the specification following the title, reference nevertheless was made in the transmittal letter filed with the above-identified application.

The current procedure where a claim for priority under 37 CFR § 1.78(a)(3) is not included in the first sentence of the specification or in an ADS but does appear either in the oath or declaration or a transmittal letter filed with the application and the Office notes the claim for priority, no petition will be required to accept a late claim for priority. This is because the application would have been scheduled for publication on the basis of the information concerning the claim submitted elsewhere in the application within the time period set forth in 37 CFR § 1.78(a)(2)(ii). However, on the other hand, if the USPTO does not note the claim for priority to the prior-filed application(s) set forth in the oath or declaration or transmittal letter submitted with the application, a petition will be required to accept a late claim for priority under 37 CFR

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§ 1.78(a)(3).<sup>1</sup> In the instant case, the Office noted the claim for priority of the nonprovisional Application No. 09/270,146 in the transmittal letter filed with the application, as shown by its inclusion on the filing receipt.


In view of the above, the \$1,330.00 petition fee submitted is unnecessary and, as such, is refundable. Petitioner may request a refund of the \$1,330.00 petition fee submitted by writing to the following address:

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A copy of this decision should accompany petitioner's request.

Any questions concerning this decision on petition may be directed to Petitions Attorney Christina Tartera Donnell at (703) 306-5589. All other inquiries concerning either the examination procedures or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

This application is being forwarded to the Examiner of Technology Center AU 2871 for appropriate processing of the amendment, filed March 15, 2004.

  
Frances Hicks  
Lead Petitions Examiner  
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<sup>1</sup> Note MPEP 201.11 (V), page 200-75 (Rev. 1. Feb. 2004 and 66 Federal Register 67087 at 67089 (Dec. 28, 2001), effective December 28, 2001.